

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ALLEN AND LINDA
ERICKSON OF KALISPELL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Allen and Linda Erickson of Kalispell for their commitment to local veterans, and their families, through the North West Montana Veterans Service Center.

The nonprofit organization was born from Allen's vision to serve Montana veterans. He organized and executed a two-day event, Stand Down, to provide supplies and services to homeless veterans. The now annual Stand Down event led to the creation of the Veterans Service Center, which Allen founded and leads as president. The service center includes a food pantry, a thrift store, and medical equipment loans—all tailored to serve veterans.

Allen and Linda opened the Food Pantry in 2002 and have helped organize the community to provide over 156,000 pounds of food to those in need. They have helped provide food to over 2,000 veteran households and over 500 children.

The Veterans Thrift Store provides services such as "move in" assistance, basic furniture, and seasonal clothing. The service center also includes access to shower and laundry facilities for homeless veterans in the community.

In addition to the Stand Downs and the North West Montana Veterans Service Center, the Ericksons have been working on creating Camp Ponderosa Veterans Retreat. The live-in treatment facility will provide veterans with counseling and group therapy. Similar to the Stand Downs, the facility will offer a community for veterans battling homelessness to learn job skills and apply for jobs.

The Ericksons have spent so much of their time dedicated to making this vision become a reality. With the help of countless volunteers and a generous anonymous donor, the camp will become a place for veterans to heal, recover, and rebuild.

Madam Speaker, for their selfless work to provide greater opportunity for our veterans, I recognize Allen and Linda Erickson of Kalispell for their spirit of Montana.

WELCOME GRACE MARGUERITE
MARTIN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Amanda Martin and James Martin of Royal Oak, Michigan, on the birth of their new baby girl, Grace Marguerite Martin. Grace Marguerite Martin was born on September 16, 2019, at Ascension St. John

Hospital in Detroit, Michigan at 10:54 a.m. Grace weighed eight pounds and six ounces and measured 20 and 8/10 inches long.

I would also like to congratulate Grace's grandparents, Kathryn and Mark Higgins of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, Heather and Matthew Martin of Wilmington, North Carolina, Barbara Kortas of Warren, Michigan, and John Ponczocha of Wyandotte, Michigan, as well as her great grandmother, Marguerite Gore, of Grosse Point Woods, Michigan. Congratulations to the entire family as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

HONORING MARIAH COLLINS AND
HANNAH MCJESSY FOR THEIR
LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and thank University of Cincinnati nursing students Mariah Collins and Hannah McJessey for their life-saving assistance to the victim of a tragic drive-by shooting on Short Vine Street in April.

Mariah and Hannah were walking on Short Vine Street when the shooting occurred. After witnessing a man fall to the ground, they leapt into action and used a belt from a bystander as a tourniquet to slow the victim's bleeding until he was able to be transported to UC Medical Center for care.

Mariah and Hannah are heroes. I am proud to see them recognized for their extraordinary courage and actions. I can think of no two recipients more deserving of the certificate of merit from the American Red Cross than these two outstanding women and future nurses.

I wish them both the best of luck in their medical careers.

HONORING HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPUTY SANDEEP SINGH
DHALIWAL

HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harris County Sheriff Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, who was tragically and senselessly murdered in the line of duty while serving the Houston community.

Deputy Dhaliwal's life was devoted to service—to his family, his community, and the residents of Harris County.

Deputy Dhaliwal helped coordinate disaster relief efforts after Hurricane Harvey. He worked with at-risk youth to improve their lives. He recently expressed a desire to start a free food bus to help feed the homeless, because he could not imagine people in his com-

munity going hungry. In the days before his passing, he expressed his dream of creating a fund for first responders and fallen heroes, which UNITED SIKHS will carry on in his name.

Deputy Dhaliwal's service extended beyond his own community. He recently returned from volunteering in Puerto Rico, where he assisted in the recovery efforts after Hurricane Maria. He also recently visited his ancestral village in Punjab to deliver water and other necessities to farmers during a drought.

Deputy Dhaliwal was the first Sikh deputy in the Harris County Sheriff's Department's history to wear the Sikh articles of faith, including his dastaar (turban), kesh (unshorn hair), and kara (steel bracelet) on duty, breaking down the barrier between religious observance and uniformed service. He was proud—and his community was proud of him—for receiving his historic religious accommodation to serve. He was a role model for Sikh Americans nationwide who are interested in a career of service to our nation.

Deputy Dhaliwal was known for his warm and welcoming personality. He was always willing to go out of his way to make the person with whom he was speaking feel respected.

Deputy Dhaliwal was especially warm with children. Since the day of his final patrol, many parents have posted videos of Deputy Dhaliwal interacting with their children. They all ended with a warm hug.

As a Houstonian, I am heartbroken over the loss of Deputy Dhaliwal, but as with every tragedy in my hometown, I am proud to see the community come together in the face of adversity. While this display of compassion does not come close to replacing the husband, father, and son his family lost, it is a small way of showing how much Houston appreciates Deputy Dhaliwal and his contributions to our community and the inspiration he created for Sikhs who want to serve our nation. He was a trailblazer and a hero.

I urge all who hear and read this to take a moment to remember the life of Deputy Dhaliwal. The world would be a better place if we all lived by the example Deputy Dhaliwal set.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
SCOTT MCFARLANE'S DEDICATED
SERVICE IN THE U.S. ARMY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and dedicated service of Door County Veteran Service Officer, Colonel Scott A. McFarlane.

Colonel McFarlane spent 30 years in the U.S. Army in both active and reserve service. While enlisted, he attended numerous specialized military schools, expanding his ability to

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further serve our nation. His first deployment was in support of Operation Desert Storm as the Commander of Eagle Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Colonel McFarlane was later deployed as a reservist to Iraq in 2005.

In addition to his deployments abroad, he served as Brigade Commander of Future Combat Systems at Fort Knox, Kentucky and as Deputy Commander for Mobilization at Fort McCoy. Colonel McFarlane's service earned him the Bronze Star with "V" device, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

In 2006, Colonel McFarlane was named the Door County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO). Prior to being named CVSO, Colonel McFarlane assisted veterans as the Regional Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs and at King Veterans Home. His dedication to country, service, and his fellow veterans consistently shows throughout his career. During his 30-year career in the U.S. Army, Colonel McFarlane served as CVSO for 13 years, serving 6 of those years during multiple deployments.

As we pause to look back on the impact Colonel McFarlane left on the those he served, it is without a doubt that his commitment to those he served, his devotion to his fellow veterans, and his love for his country left a lasting impression. Upon retiring as CVSO, he will enjoy spending more time with his wife Cori, his children, and his grandchildren.

Colonel Scott McFarlane's service to this country and to his fellow veterans is unparalleled. Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel McFarlane for his service to this great nation and his commitment to supporting countless veterans in Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOAN CARPENTER

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of esteemed public servant and community advocate, Joan Carpenter.

A long-time resident of West Contra Costa, Joan graduated from El Cerrito High School and later earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. After graduation, Joan worked in Contra Costa County's mediation program and helped residents, businesses, and agencies with conflict resolution.

In 1998, Joan joined the Office of Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia, where she has continued to serve West County constituents for the past 21 years. She has worked tirelessly to improve and expand services for seniors, the homeless, infants, and individuals with HIV/AIDS. Joan has served on various community boards such as the Contra Costa Home Health Agency Advisory Board, the West Contra Costa Unified School District School Attendance Review Board, and the Rehabilitation Services of Northern California Executive Board.

An advocate in both her professional and personal life, Joan currently serves on the Ex-

ecutive Board of the West Contra Costa League of Women Voters, Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee, the National Women's Political Caucus of California, and the California Alliance for Retired Americans. Additionally, she was a founding member of both the Richmond Juneteenth Celebration and the West County Democratic Club.

Joan's colleagues and friends admire her passion for and dedication to the West County community. Please join me in congratulating Joan for her dedicated service, and in wishing her well in retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to include in the RECORD a statement from Faces and Voices of Recovery in recognition of National Recovery Month.

FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY

For 30 years, National Recovery Month has provided an opportunity for communities nationwide to celebrate the fact that recovery from addiction is not only possible, but it is a reality for over 23 million Americans and their families. Faces & Voices of Recovery, representing the organized recovery advocacy movement in the U.S., extends our sincere gratitude to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for sponsoring National Recovery Month and to members of Congress who work tirelessly to listen to the real stories of individuals and families impacted by addiction and those who have found long-term recovery. Together we can find solutions and continue to build on the foundation of Congressional support in recent years to make recovery possible for even more Americans.

CONGRATULATING HENRY S. BARBOSA ON RECEIVING THE ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORP'S LEGACY AWARD

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Henry S. Barbosa as the recipient of the Legacy Award, which will be presented during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC).

Mr. Barbosa has served for seven years on the Board of OCCC, which is a voluntary work and learn program that provides an opportunity for at-risk and disadvantaged youths, age 18 to 25. Corpsmembers have a chance to earn a living while learning valuable employment skills through job training and attending an on-site charter school.

Mr. Barbosa's long and distinguished record of service to his community stretches well beyond his time with OCCC. His legal career began as a Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County and continued over 27 years

in private practice, primarily representing cities and other public agencies throughout California. Mr. Barbosa also acted as Assistant General Counsel to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

In recognition of his community leadership, Mr. Barbosa was designated as a member of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commission's Blue Ribbon Panel to analyze the causes of and response to the Rampart area police corruption scandal. He was an elected public official for 10 years, serving as the President and a Director of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District representing Rowland Heights and as a member of the Board for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Mr. Barbosa was appointed to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee that developed statewide regulations for landfills management.

Mr. Barbosa continues to advocate for inclusion in our communities. He has served for 10 years as Vice-Chair of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, a nation-wide advocacy group for greater access by minorities in film and broadcast media.

I thank Mr. Barbosa for his leadership and commitment to service and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

HONORING AUGUSTUS BURNS ELKINS II

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Augustus Burns Elkins II, an Administrative Law judge in my district, who on September 30, 2019 retired after 35 years of public service.

Judge Elkins' service is one of dedication to his home state of North Carolina and the nation. He worked as Staff Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force Reserves at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. He also served as the Deputy Director of the North Carolina Department of Administration Motor Fleet Management and as Senior Managing Attorney for North Carolina's Governor's Council for Persons with Disabilities. His retirement from the Office of Administrative Hearings marks the conclusion of 19 years of service to that office.

Judge Elkins' tenure was distinguished by a commitment to ensuring accessibility to services and support for people with disabilities. He is regarded as a leading expert in North Carolina on both the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disability Act. Recently, he was honored with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award by the Exceptional Children Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Judge Elkins is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and was certified as a Judge Advocate by the Air Force Management and Leadership School. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was inducted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa before earning his Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Augustus Burns